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Once Upon a Time in Wonderland

Genre	Fantasy Drama Romance Adventure
Created by	Edward Kitsis Adam Horowitz Zack Estrin Jane Espenson
Starring	Sophie Lowe Peter Gadiot Naveen Andrews Emma Rigby Michael Socha
Voices of	John Lithgow Penny Dreadful Alice Krige
Theme music composer	Once Upon a Time
Composer	Mark Isham
Country of origin	United States
Original language	English
No. of episodes	13

Production	
Executive producers	Edward Kitsis Adam Horowitz Dana Fleischer Steve Pearlman
Producers	Kathy Gilroy Jon Lazarov Jane Espenson
Production locations	Vancouver, British Columbia
Cinematography	Jeffrey Hunsley
Editor	Geoffrey Hilmes
Running time	42 minutes
Production companies	ABC Studios Kitsis/Horowitz

Original release	
Network	ABC
Release	October 10, 2014 – April 3, 2014

Once Upon a Time

Once Upon a Time in Wonderland is an American fantasy drama television series that aired on ABC from October 10, 2014, to April 3, 2014. It is a spin-off of Once Upon a Time, which is also produced by ABC Studios. The series was created by Edward Kitsis, Adam Horowitz, Zack Estrin and Jane Espenson. It is the first television series to be produced by Kitsis and Horowitz after leaving Lost and Revolution. Kitsis and Horowitz are also executive producers of Once Upon a Time and Once Upon a Time in Wonderland, as well as co-showrunners of the former. Once Upon a Time in Wonderland is the second spin-off of Once Upon a Time, after Once Upon a Time: Storybrooke Revealed, which was a live-action documentary series that aired on ABC in 2013.[1] The series takes place in Once Upon a Time's timeline of Wonderland,[2] and follows the same setting as the parent series, including the town of Storybrooke, Maine.[3]

Wonderland received equal or positive reviews from critics, who praised its cast, visuals, and narrative, but criticized the plot. On March 27, 2014, the series was canceled after one season, with the finale airing a week later.[4] Michael Socha reprises his Wonderland role as Will Scarlet / Kazim of Once Upon a Time as a series regular for its fourth season.[5]

Premise

After the apparent death of her love interest Cora, Alice returns home to Victorian England where she is placed in an asylum, and her doctors are sure to see with a psychiatrist. Alice's father, Jacob Wonderly, is a wealthy businessman who is ashamed of his daughter's behavior. Alice's mother, Leticia Wonderly, is a kind woman who is humiliated to see Cora abuse Alice. To cure Alice, Jacob hires Wonderland, Alice must evade the plans of Jafar and the Red Queen, while dealing with the whimsical dangers of Wonderland, including the infamous Jabberwocky, in a crazy and dangerous way to find her true love.

Cast and characters

Main

- Sophie Lowe as Alice
- Michael Socha as Will Scarlet / Kraxe of Hearts / White King
- Peter Gadiot as Jafar
- Emma Rigby as Anastasia / Red Queen / White Queen
- Naveen Andrews as Jabir
- Anna Galligan as the voice of Percy the White Rabbit

Recurring

- Jenny Coyne as Dr. Lydgate
- Ben Cotton as Tweedledum
- Ben Feldman as Tweedledee
- Keith Grant as the Cheshire Cat (voice)[6]
- Molly Ferguson as Tweedledee
- Brian George as the Doctor / Old Prisoner
- Whoopi Goldberg as Mrs Fairbanks[7]
- Jessica Harmon as Leticia Wonderly / Lizard[8]
- Iggy Pop as the Caterpillar (voice)[9]
- Zuleyka Rodriguez as Amaya
- Ryan Sypek as Jacob Wonderly
- Gemma Stanford as Mary Margaret
- Shaun Smyth as Edwin, Alice's father

Guest

- Lisa Ambalavanar as Lenny / Grumpy
- Jonny Jackson as Cheshire Guard
- Barbara Handley as Cora / Queen of Hearts
- Jeff Kaufmann as Dodo
- Kevin Swain as Dodo Guard / Headless Lizard
- Sarah-Jane Redmond as Anastasia's mother
- Jeff Gulka as Jabir's father
- Sandi Ross as Jabir's mother
- Michael P. Northey as Five Turk

Production and casting

On October 10, 2013, ABC announced that Edward Kitsis and Jane Espenson, began developing a spin-off of Once Upon a Time which would focus on Lewis Carroll's Wonderland. It was initially reported that the proposed spin-off would recast the role of Mad Hatter, portrayed by Sebastian Roux in the parent series, due to his commitment to the Marvel Cinematic Universe as Rocky Barnes / Winter Soldier.[10] However, Roux's character was killed off in the first two-hundredth and respect for Roux's performance, the character would not be recast and the series would not feature the character.[11]

The show includes new characters, such as "Issachi, described as cruelly self-centered, and spiteful, and Tarrance, a whimsical, adventurer, a sense of whimsy, a sense and a heart-breaker."[12] On March 28, 2013, it was announced that Sophie Lowe had been cast in the role of Alice.[13] Lowe's casting was met with mixed reviews from fans, who criticized her appearance, as she was not a redhead like Alice in the parent series.[14] Lowe, however, defended her casting, stating that Alice's hair color "[wasn't] the point of the story."[15] On April 2, 2013, it was announced that Peter Gadiot was cast as the voice of the White Rabbit[16] and Emma Rigby was cast as the Red Queen.[17]

On May 7, 2013, it was announced that Naveen Andrews was cast as Jafar, a character that Adria Lidegaz would replace Andrews as the voice of the White Rabbit. On May 14, 2013, ABC announced that the series would premiere on October 10, 2013, with a 13-episode first season.[18] Kitsis said in the show's panel at the Paley Center for Media that "[It's not to exact to be a scripted series, because it's not really a show that's only about the characters, it's a show that's about the world.